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1. Four 400-ton landing-craft arrived at Huangpu (113-24, 23-05) from Tsingtao 27 April 1950 carrying more than two hundred boxes of airplane spare parts and radar equipment. This cargo was stored in Warehouses No. 3 and No. 8. Soviet air force mechanics and engineers numbering more than thirty came with these ships. More than twenty naval technicians arrived at the same time. These men were quartered at House 8, Fu Hsing (復興) Road, Shameen, and in a big building next to a cement factory on the southern bank of the Pearl River.
2. Three wooden boats carrying five boxes of torpedoes and four large boxes of electronics spare parts sailed from Huangpu 6 May 1950, bound for Sha Chueh (沙角). Nine Soviet technicians accompanied this material. Six other Soviets sailed on the same vessels to make a preliminary survey of Pai Sha (白沙) Airfield, Tungkuan (113-46, 23-02), before restoring it to service.
3. T'AO Chen-ya (陶震亞)*, director of the Communist Air Force and Naval Personnel Receiving Center, Canton, left 2 May 1950 for Peiping by rail via Hankow. His Soviet adviser Lao-ti-po-lun (勞迪勃倫) (?Rodibirin)**, and more than 150 airmen and sailors accompanied him.
4. WU Hsin-hua (吳新華), chief engineer of the defected China Merchants Steam Navigation Company steamer ~~TEKONG~~ (登島), now in Hong Kong, arrived in Canton 7 May 1950, with a group of the ship's crew he was taking to the Naval Academy at Nanking for indoctrination and training.
5. More than twenty Soviets are working in the South China naval Headquarters situated in the Naval Alumni Building, Ta Te (大德) Road, Canton.
6. More than thirty privately-owned boats moored along the T'ien Tzu (天字) Wharf, South Bank of the Pearl River, Canton, were commandeered between

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1 May and 9 May 1950 for concentration at Huangpu.

7. HUANG Huan-ch'iu (黃煥秋), secretary, Canton Municipal Committee Youth Corps (市委青年團), boarded ship at Canton on his way to Haikou (110-20, 20-03) 5 May 1950 accompanied by more than one hundred members of the Youth Worker Corps (青年工作隊) to take part in the administration of Hainan Island. Other workers are coming from the first graduating class of the Public Security Cadre School, Tung Shan (東山), Canton. The graduation date for this class has been advanced so that its members may get on the job sooner. YEH Tung-ch'ing (葉冬青) is commandant of this group.
8. At least forty gunners from Corps Artillery, Soviet 82nd Army, arrived in Canton from Shanghai the night of 30 April 1950 under the command of a Captain Te-lun-man-lo-po (德倫曼羅勃)**. Of this number, 12 went to Tangchiawan (113-40, 22-21), four to Paoan (113-56, 22-32), and the remainder stayed at their billet, House 8, Fu Hsing Road, Shameeh.
9. Eight 220-mm Soviet R. M. G.*** type guns and 56 boxes of ammunition arrived in Canton by the Hankow-Canton Railway the night of 1 May 1950. These cannon and munitions were shipped to Humen (113-41, 22-49) for installation in the Sha Chueh Fort. An escort of twelve Soviet gunners and some soldiers from the 41st Army, People's Liberation Army, accompanied them.
10. A battalion of 44th Army artillery, normally assigned to the 132nd Division, PLA, has headquarters at 101 Te Hsuan Hsi (德宣西路) Road, Canton. Equipped with twelve 75-mm guns, Type 41, with a range of 7,500 meters, one battery is stationed at Hsing Lung Tung (興隆東), one at Hsing Lung Er Kang (興隆二港), and a third serves at headquarters battery. The ammunition unit is billeted at the K'ai Ming (開明) High School, while the ammunition dump, containing 1,000 shells, is situated at Hsing Lung San Kang (興隆三港). A machine-gun platoon, an observation platoon, and a signal communication platoon are attached to the battalion.
11. More than five hundred boxes of 75-mm shells for pack howitzers arrived in Canton 8 May 1950 for storage in the warehouses of the Kwangtung Province Front-Supporting Headquarters.****
12. T'AN Le-feng (譚樂風), chief, Political Department, Fourth Field Army, arrived in Canton from Wuchou (111-19, 23-28) 4 May 1950. He was accompanied by Ko-t'e-fu-lo (格特扶羅) (?Gotevrov)**, his Soviet adviser, who conferred with CHU Kuang (朱光), vice-mayor of Canton, concerning the hiring of 5,000 workers to recondition highways and mines in Kwangsi Province.
13. Troops of the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Column*****, numbering 1,400, together with 2,000 men from the 132nd and 127th Divisions, PLA, were transferred from southern positions for garrison duty at Chungshan (113-36, 22-22) and Hsinhui (113-06, 22-34) on 3 May 1950.
14. A regiment belonging to the 130th Division, PLA, arrived in Shih Wei T'ang (石圍塘), Canton, from a southerly direction on 6 May 1950. The regiment was on its way to garrison duty in Chungshan and Shute (113-16, 22-50). Another regiment, of unknown identity, arrived the same day for garrison duty at Tungshan, Canton.

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- 25X1 * [] Comment. T'AO Ch'an-ya and his Soviet companion (name also given as Lao-ti-pin-lun) were reported as arrived in Canton from Peiping 28 March to recruit seamen; []
- 25X1 ** [] Comment. Chinese transliteration of a Russian name.
- 25X1 *** [] Comment. No such weapon as this is listed in available references concerning Soviet Army heavy artillery. There is a 203-mm howitzer comparable to the US 8-inch howitzer, M-1, with a range of 19,700 yards. No information regarding fortress artillery is available.
- 25X1 **** [] Comment. Previously reported as Service Command, rather than Front-Supporting Headquarters.
- 25X1 ***** [] Comment. Existing confusion regarding the identification of the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Column with the 37th Army, PLA, both under the command of TSENG Sheng, may be resolved by the recently-reported fact that a cadre of officers and men is organized as 37th Army headquarters but has not yet taken over the main body of the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Column and formally incorporated it into the PLA under that number.

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